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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Chronology of Soviet State Security Service

December 1917 - February 1922

All-Russian Extraordinary Commission for Combatting counter-revolution, sabotage and speculation (Vcheka, after the initials VCHK, commonly referred to as the Cheka)

February 1922 - January 1924

State Political Directorate (GPU)

January 1924 - July 1934

Upon formation of the USSR, became the United State Political Directorate (OGPU)

July 1934 - February 1941

Chief Directorate of State Security (GUGB), under the People's commissariat of Internal Affairs (NKVD)

February 1941 - June 1941

People's Commissariat of State Security (NKGB)

June 1941 - May 1943

Reverted to Chief Directorate of State Security (GUGB) under the People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs (NKVD)

May 1943 - March 1946

Again People's Commissariat of State Security (NKGB)

March 1946 - March 1953

Ministry of State Security (MGB) so named when people's commissariats became ministries.

March 1953 - April 1954

Merged into the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD), the super-police ministry through which Beriya evidently hoped to gain Stalin's mantle.

April 1954 - date

Committee of State Security (KGB)